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Colonel Ronald N. Light is the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Middle East District (MED), located in Winchester, Virginia.

The Middle East District is responsible for providing engineering, construction, and related services in the Middle East, Central Asia, and other areas as required. Its work includes designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces, performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies, and providing operations and maintenance services for various customers. In addition, the District provides project management, engineering, contracting and support services to USACE districts in Iraq and Afghanistan. MED was renamed from the Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC) on Oct. 1, 2009, following the activation of the Transatlantic Division.

Colonel Light served as Commander of TAC from July 2007 to July 2008, and resumed command on Aug. 3, 2009. He commanded the Gulf Region Division's Central District in Iraq from July 2008 to July 2009. As the senior engineer commander responsible for reconstruction in Al Anbar and Baghdad Provinces, he managed the award of 137 projects valued at \$542.7 million, the completion of 194 projects valued at \$1.32 billion, and closed out 330 contracts valued at \$782.4 million.

Colonel Light graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in May 1981 as a distinguished military graduate with a degree in environmental sciences and technical writing. He received a master's degree from the University of Virginia in environmental engineering in May 1992. He is a graduate of various military schools including the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Services Staff School; the Command and General Staff Officer Course; the U.S. Army Airborne School; and the U.S. Naval War College, earning a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Colonel Light's previous assignments include Commander, USACE Sacramento District, Sacramento, California, from July 2004 to July 2007; Chief of the Concepts, Analysis, and Initiatives Group for the Commander, U.S. Army, Pacific; and Commander, USACE Honolulu District at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He also served as a project officer and program manager for the Base Realignment and Closure Division, U.S. Army Environmental Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; and as the Senior Engineer Observer/Controller for the Army's Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was an Operations and Executive Officer in the 168th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington; Company Commander in both the 43rd Engineer Battalion and 72nd Engineer Company at Fort Benning, Georgia; and Platoon Leader and Maintenance Officer in the 82nd Engineer Battalion, Bamberg, Germany.

Among his military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, six awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, two awards of the National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Silver and Bronze DeFleury Medal, and Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Light is a life member and fellow of the Society of American Military Engineers and the Army Engineer Association. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Association of the United States Army.

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